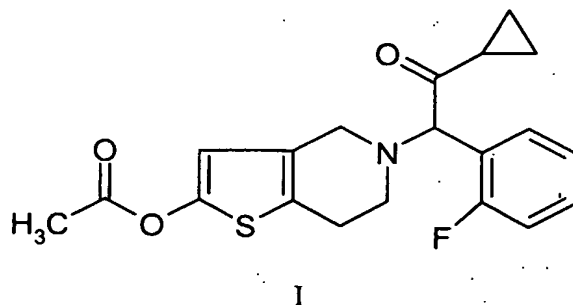


WE CLAIM:

1. A method for treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Diseases and recurrence thereof, in a patient in need thereof, comprising the following steps performed in any order:

- a) administering a compound of formula I

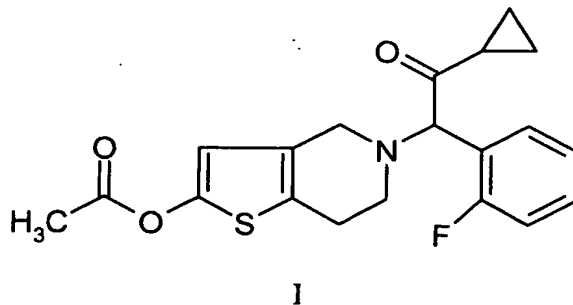


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, active metabolite, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof; and

- b) performing a PCI procedure.

2. A method for treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Diseases and recurrence thereof, in a patient in need thereof, comprising the following steps performed in any order:

- a) administering a compound of formula I

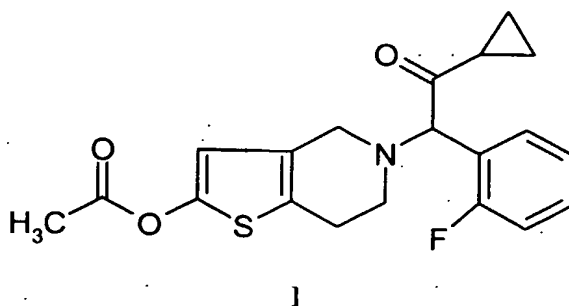


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, active metabolite, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof in combination with aspirin; and

- b) performing a PCI procedure.

3. A method for treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Diseases and recurrence thereof, in a patient in need thereof, comprising the following steps performed in the order described:

- a) first, administering a compound of formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, active metabolite, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof, optionally in combination with aspirin;

- d) second, performing a PCI procedure; and
b) third, administering a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, active metabolite, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof, optionally in combination with aspirin.

4. A method according to Claims 1, 2, or 3 comprising in order the steps of:

- a) administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, active metabolite, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof, optionally in combination with aspirin or other cardio protective agent about 2 to 30 days prior to performing the PCI procedure,
b) performing a PCI procedure, and
c) administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, active metabolite, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof, optionally in combination with aspirin or other cardio protective agent about 0 to 365 days after performance of the PCI procedure.

5. A method according to Claim 1, 2, or 3 wherein the compound of formula I, is 2-Acetoxy-5-(α -cyclopropylcarbonyl-2-fluorobenzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine hydrochloride acid addition salt or enantiomer thereof.

6. A method according to Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the Cardiovascular Disease is selected from the group consisting of coronary occlusion, restenosis, acute coronary syndrome, high risk vascular diseases, congestive heart failure, cardiac alternation, ventricular aneurysm, mural aneurysm, myocardial infarction, cardiac arrest, cardiac dysrhythmia including atrial fibrillation, cardiac edema, cardiac dyspnea, cardiac failure, tachycardia, cardiac hemoptysis, cardiac incompetence, cardiac murmur, cardiac syncope, and cardiac tamponade.

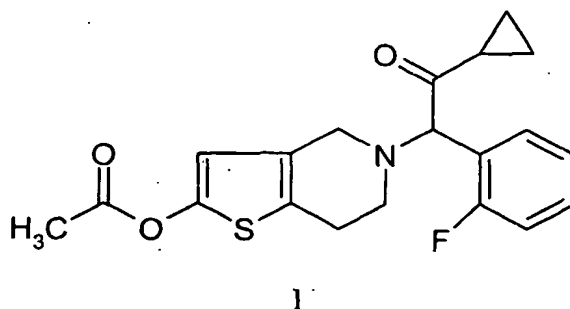
7. A method according to Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the Cardiovascular Disease is selected from the group consisting of ACS, CVA and HRVD.

8. A device coated or impregnated with a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, prodrug, active metabolite, racemate or enantiomer thereof, for the treatment, prevention or amelioration of Cardiovascular Diseases.

9. Use of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, prodrug, active metabolite, racemate or enantiomer thereof, in conjunction with a stent for treating and/or preventing recurrence of peripheral vascular disease.

10. Use of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, prodrug, active metabolite, racemate or enantiomer thereof, in conjunction with a stent for treating and/or preventing recurrence of cerebrovascular disease.

11. Use of a compound of formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, prodrug, racemate or enantiomer thereof, in conjunction with a PCI procedure for treating and/or preventing the recurrence of Cardiovascular Diseases comprising administering an effective amount of said compound I to a patient in need thereof.

12. A method of treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Diseases and/or recurrences thereof, comprising administering a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, prodrug, active metabolite, racemate or enantiomer thereof, in conjunction with a stent impregnated with the compound of formula I, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, prodrug, active metabolite, racemate or enantiomer thereof, and/or other cardio-protective agent(s) to a patient in need thereof.

13. A method of treating and/or preventing the recurrence of Cardiovascular Disease comprising administration of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, prodrug, active metabolite, racemate or enantiomer thereof in conjunction with a PCI procedure for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases and recurrences thereof.

14. The use of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I optionally comprising aspirin, in conjunction with a stent for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases and recurrence thereof.